

Program Overview – Museum Grants for African American History and Culture

What are Museum Grants for African American History and Culture?

Museum Grants for African American History and Culture support projects that improve the operations, care of collections, and development of professional management at African American museums.

How much money can an applicant apply for?

There are two funding levels available for AAHC grants, subject to the availability of funds and IMLS discretion:

- \$5,000 - \$25,000
- \$25,001 - \$150,000

Does an applicant have to provide funds from other sources in order to be eligible for an AAHC grant?

For the Museum Grants for African American History and Culture program, the requirements to provide cost share from non-federal funds differ according to funding level:

AAHC Funding Level	Cost Share Requirement
\$5,000 - \$25,000	No cost share permitted*
\$25,001 - \$150,000	At least 1:1 cost share

*If an application includes cost share in the budget for funding at the \$5,000-\$25,000 level, the application will be rejected from further consideration.

What activities may be funded with an AAHC grant?

An eligible organization may apply for projects including, but not limited to, the following activities:

- Training for staff, volunteers, and educators
- Internships/fellowships
- Institutional, collections, and interpretive planning
- Interpretive and educational program development and delivery
- Exhibition development, design, and fabrication
- Digital media development, design, and delivery
- Publication research, design, and printing
- Forums for community dialogue
- Fostering partnerships among museums and/or institutions of higher education to address challenges facing the African American museum community
- Audience development and community outreach
- Audience research and evaluation
- Cataloguing, inventorying, documenting, and registration
- Digitization activities designed to improve collections management
- Conservation surveys, treatments, and environmental improvements for museum collections storage and exhibit areas